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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KHADDAM'S ARRIVAL STATEMENT CAIRO, SEPTEMBER 2

1. I TOOK OCCASION OF SEPTEMBER 4 MEETING WITH DEPUTY
FONMIN AL-KHANI TO DRAW HIS ATTENTION TO FONMIN KHADDAM'S
STATEMENT ON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO SEPTEMBER 2, AS QUOTED IN
SYRIAN PRESS SEPTEMBER 3, THAT "AMERICA WILL NOT PRESSURE
ISRAEL AND WILL NOT STAND AGAINST IT." NOTED THIS WAS
PUBLISHED AS ANSWER TO QUESTION TO KAHDDAM ABOUT
POSSIBILITY OF U.S. EXERCISING "PRESSURE ON ISRAEL TO
PUSH FORWARD PEACE STEPS," INCLUDING CONVENING OF GENEVA
CONFERENCE.

2. SAID THAT IT APPEARED TO ME FONMIN HAD TAKEN OUT OF
CONTEXT A CAREFULLY QULIFIED STATEMENT BY PRESIDENT CARTER
CONCERNING ISRAELI SETTLEMENTS ON THE WEST BANK WHICH
PRESIDENT HAD IN SAME INTERVIEW DEFINED AS ILLEGAL AND AN OBSTACLE
TO PEACE. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD NEVER SAID WE WOULD NOT
BE PREPARED TO USE OUR INFLUENCE ON ISRAEL IN THE COURSE
OF THE PEACE PROCESS, AS KHADDAM PHAD IMPLIED. FOR THE FONMIN
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TO GIVE THIS IMPRESSION, I BELIEVED UNHELPFUL TO BOTH SYRIAN
AND AMERICAN INTEREST IN CONTINUING SEEK PROGRESS ON THE
PEACE SETTLEMENT. AL-KHANI MADE NO DIRECT REPLY BUT
OBSERVED HE WAS CONVIENCED ISRAEL WAS SEEKING TO SABOTAGE
THE PEACE PROCESS.

3. COMMENT: INTEND MAKE SIMILAR DEMARCHE TO KHADDAM IN OUR

NEXT MEETING.

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